

2SHB 2021 - H AMD 177

By Representative Anderson

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) Within existing resources, the higher
4 education coordinating board shall convene a work group on simplifying
5 and consolidating student financial assistance. The work group shall
6 include one member from the student financial assistance division of
7 the higher education coordinating board and one member from the
8 student services division of the state board for community and
9 technical colleges, one financial aid administrator from a four-year
10 institution of higher education, one financial aid administrator from
11 a community or technical college, one member from the employment
12 security department, and one member from the council of presidents
13 office.

14 (2) The committee shall prepare a plan to streamline, promote,
15 and expand access to financial aid programs. In developing the plan,
16 the higher education coordinating board and their partners,
17 identified in this section, shall take the following actions:

18 (a) Conduct an analysis of all the existing financial aid programs
19 including the populations served, total state expenditures dedicated
20 to each program, average award levels per student, and the number of
21 staff dedicated to program administration;

22 (b) Based on the analysis outlined in section (a) of this
23 subsection, develop recommendations on the programs that provide the
24 greatest value to the largest number of students, the programs that
25 best meet state access and affordability goals, and a process and
26 timeline for implementing these recommendations;

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1 (c) Develop an incentive system to assure that the state's
2 investment in student financial assistance increases completion and
3 career placement rates and rewards institutions that efficiently
4 produce highly skilled graduates, ready for work in high-demand
5 occupations.

6 (3) The higher education coordinating board shall submit the
7 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1,
8 2009."

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10 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Replaces all provisions in the substitute bill with a
directive to prepare a plan to streamline, promote, and expand
access to financial aid programs.

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